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Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 5:10 PM

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Subject: RE: Angolan Ambassador visit to Atlanta

Melanee, please see draft remarks for your consideration. The official City Council proclamation is attached. Thank you.

As our nation celebrated Atlanta's native son, Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., this week, I want to recognize the shared civil rights history and fast-growing relationship between the City of Atlanta and the Republic of Angola.

Angolans arrived in the American South 400 years ago as the first African slaves brought to the colonies that would become the United States. To commemorate this history, Angola's Ambassador to the United States, Joaquim do Espírito Santo, attended this week's Martin Luther King Jr. Day service at Ebenezer Baptist Church on behalf of Angolan President João Lourenço as a guest of Dr. Bernice King. He also met with the Atlanta City Council, the Mayor's office, The Carter Center and other key stakeholders to promote public health, trade and investment, and cultural exchange.

Recognizing Atlanta's shared past and exciting future with Angola, the Atlanta City Council officially proclaimed January 17, MLK Day, as "Angola Day" in Atlanta. In the words of the City Council, "this growing partnership between Atlanta and Angola is a story that has come nearly full circle, from tragedy and injustice to opportunity and hope."

I join the City of Atlanta in congratulating the Ambassador on his timely visit and look forward to the blossoming cultural and economic relationship between Atlanta and Angola. I ask that the City of Atlanta's proclamation be entered into the Congressional Record.

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Subject: Angolan Ambassador visit to Atlanta

Dear Melanee and Aaron,

I am reaching out on behalf of our client, the Government of Angola, to let you know that the Angolan Ambassador, Joaquim do Espírito Santo, is leading a delegation to Atlanta next week on behalf of Angolan President João Lourenço. Please be aware that both myself and Squire Patton Boggs are registered for the Presidency of the Republic of Angola under FARA.

A major focus of the Ambassador's visit is civil rights. Four hundred years ago, the first African slaves in the United States arrived on the East Coast, just a few hundred miles from Atlanta; they came from Angola. President Lourenço marked this solemn anniversary with a visit last September to the Smithsonian's Museum of African American History and Culture.

To commemorate this history at the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement, **the Ambassador is attending the Ebenezer Baptist Church service on Martin Luther King Day.** While we cannot attend the service with him due to COVID restrictions, we wanted to make you and the Congresswoman aware of his attendance and have included a biography should they have the chance to meet. The rest of the Ambassador's visit will focus on building a partnership with Atlanta and the State of Georgia, and includes meetings with the Carter Center, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's office, and City Council President Doug Shipman.

We look forward to a successful visit from the Ambassador and would welcome the opportunity to brief you after the trip.

Best,
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In Recognition of the Republic of Angola

WHEREAS, *The Atlanta City Council is pleased to welcome His Excellency Joaquim do Espírito Santo, Ambassador of Angola to the United States, to Atlanta on January 17, 2022; and*

WHEREAS, *Angola is uniquely tied to the history of Atlanta and the American South, as Angolans arrived in this country 400 years ago as the first African slaves brought to the colonies that would become the United States of America; and*

WHEREAS, *Today, the story of America and Angola is one that has come nearly full circle, from tragedy and injustice to opportunity and hope. The City of Atlanta shares in the growing bonds between the United States and Angola; and*

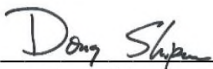
WHEREAS, *Many Americans can trace their ancestry to Angola. Angolans increasingly attend U.S. universities, including here in Atlanta, and Bruno Fernando become the first Angolan ever to play in the National Basketball Association, where he helped the Atlanta Hawks advance to the Eastern Conference finals during the 2020-2021 season; and*

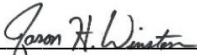
WHEREAS, *Angola’s special connection to the United States provides an opportunity for Atlantans and Angolans to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the ongoing fight for racial equality and social justice; and*

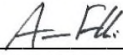
WHEREAS, *This emerging relationship between Angola and the city of Atlanta also presents an opportunity for deeper engagement between Atlanta’s business, educational, and civic communities, and the Angolan people.*

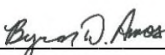
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, *the members of the Atlanta City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, do hereby proclaim the 17th day of January 2022 as “Angola Day” in the City of Atlanta. We congratulate the Ambassador on his historically significant visit and celebrate the emerging partnership being forged between the city of Atlanta and Angola.*


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CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY
OF ATLANTA TO BE AFFIXED



Doug Shipman
President, Atlanta City Council

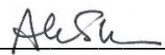

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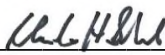

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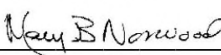

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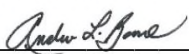

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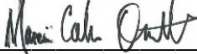

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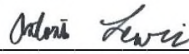

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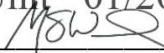

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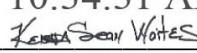

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